

Availability Committee-Frederick County Health Care Coalition Meeting Summary 5/30/07

Attendees: Dr. Jackie Douge', Monica Grant, Leigh Joos, Raychene Michaels, Dr. Marilea Miller, Helen Monk, Jeffrie Normoyle, Quankeair Scott, Jim Williams

Review of 4/25/07 meeting summary - No changes or discussion

Frederick County Health Care Coalition Meeting of May 23, 2007- Executive Committee members announced and congratulated.

Updates on community grant applications/initiatives -

Jackie Douge' briefly summarized the following:

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant being sought by the School Based Health Center committee; Community Foundation is acting as the "local grant-making partner"

Kaiser Foundation grant – would provide primary or specialty care for children and adults as well as potential funds for the Coalition for grant writing and web site development/maintenance; FCHD would be the fiscal agent in collaboration with the Health Care Coalition. Grants to be awarded in July.

Community Foundation brochure shared with committee; would need to speak directly with the organization for inquiries regarding grants/fund establishment (for the Health Care Coalition)

Monica Grant shared information from Dr. Brookmyer that FCAA is applying to have specific areas of Frederick County designated as "medically underserved"; surveys of medical, dental and mental health providers will need to be completed. Monica asked if our committee might be of some assistance to the FDHD's dental clinic in gathering survey data from dental providers; several committee members indicated their willingness to help; more information will be available after 6/19.

Helen Monk shared that she recently interviewed Matt Celentano of MD Health Care for All for her local Health Matters television program and was able to mention the Frederick County Health Care Coalition; she is willing and may be able to share other information of interest related to community healthcare initiatives as they develop.

Discussion of concerns with specialty care for the uninsured in our county – The committee would like to learn more about the specialist networks already developed by FCAA, Mission of Mercy, and the Religious Coalition; representatives of these organizations will be invited to speak with the committee at future meetings.

Discussion of revision of the Availability Committee Action Plan – No changes made in the goal or objective; Actions to be addressed in FY '08 revised (see attached). Committee members are asked to bring information on local health care resources to our next meeting to begin compiling a guide of locally available resources; Monica and Jeffrie will focus on gathering dental resource information.

Next meeting June 27th 4-5:30pm at FMH; room location TBD

